

# The Word Became Flesh -

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“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (Deity, Divine).” “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us” John 1:14. The Revised Version says, “The Word became flesh.” The theme of **Redemption** will be the science and the song of the eternal ages, and well may it occupy our minds during our short stay here.

There is no portion of this great theme that makes such a demand upon our minds in order to appreciate it in any degree, as the subject we shall study to-night, —“The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.” Through Him all things became; now He Himself *became*. He Who had all glory with the Father, now lays aside His glory and becomes flesh. He lays aside His divine mode of existence, and takes the human mode of existence, and God (deity) becomes manifest in the flesh. This truth is the very foundation of all Truth.

## A HELPFUL TRUTH.

And Jesus Christ becoming flesh. God being manifest in the flesh, is one of the most helpful Truths, one of the most instructive Truths, the Truth above all truths, which humanity ought to rejoice in. I desire this evening to study this question for our personal, present benefit. Let us command our minds to the utmost, because to comprehend that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, demands all our mental powers.

Let us consider, first, what kind of flesh; for this is the very foundation of this question as it relates to us personally. “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, **He also Himself likewise** took part of the same; that through death (dying) He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

For verily He took not on Him the nature of angels; but He took on Him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered, being tempted, **He is able to succour** them that are tempted.” Heb. 2:14-18.

That through death, being made subject to death, taking upon Him the flesh of sin, He might, by His dying, destroy him that had the power of death. “Verily He took not on Him the nature of angels; but He took on Him the seed of Abraham.” The margin says, “He taketh not hold of angels, but of the seed of Abraham He taketh hold;” and one version reads, “He helps not angels.” We see the reason from the next verse: “Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest, in things pertaining to God.”

“Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of One, and to thy Seed, which is Christ.” Gal. 3:16. Now verily, He helps the seed of Abraham by Himself becoming the seed of Abraham. God, sending His Own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and *in exchange* for sin, “condemned sin in the flesh; that the righteousness of the law might be revealed in us, who walk *and live* not after (by) the flesh, but after the Spirit.” Romans 8:3-4

So you see that what the Scripture states very plainly is that Jesus Christ had exactly the same flesh that we bear,—flesh of sin, flesh in which *we* sin, flesh, however, in which He did not sin, but He bore *our* sins in that flesh of sin. **Do not set this point aside**. No matter how you may have looked at it in the past, look at it now as it is in the Word; and the more you look at it in that way, the more reason you will have to thank God that it is so !

ADAM'S SIN TYPICAL.

What was the situation? —Adam had sinned, and Adam being the head of the human family, his sin was a typical sin (emblematic, exhibiting the essential characteristics of the whole of humanity). God made Adam in His Own image, **but by sin** (faithlessness - Romans 14:23) he lost that image. Then he begat sons and daughters, but he begat them in his image, not in God's.

And so we have descended in the line, but all (every one of us) after his image. For four thousand years this went on, and then Jesus Christ came, of flesh, and in the flesh, born of a woman, made under the law *of sin and death*; **born of the Spirit**, but in the flesh. And what flesh could He take but the flesh of the time? Not only that, but it was the very flesh He designed to take; because you see, the problem was to help man out of the difficulty into which he had fallen, and man is a free moral agent. He must be helped as a free moral agent.

Christ's work must be, not to destroy him, not to create a new race, but to re-create man, **to restore in him the image of God**. "We see Jesus, Who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, *we see Him* crowned with glory and honour; that He, by the grace\* of God should taste death for every man." Heb. 2:9.

*"O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me, nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou Wilt!"*  
Matthew 26:37-42

AN UNDONE, HELPLESS RACE.

God made man a little lower than the angels, but man fell much lower by his sin. Now he is far separated from God; but he is to be brought back again. **Jesus Christ came for that work**; and in order to do it, He came, not where man was before he fell, but where man was after he fell. This is the lesson of Jacob's ladder. It rested on the earth where Jacob was, but the topmost round reached to heaven.

When Christ comes to help man out of the pit, He does not come to the edge of the pit and look over, and say, Come up here, and I will help you back. If man could help himself up to the point from whence he has fallen, he could do all the rest. If he could help himself one step, he could help himself all the way; but it is because man is utterly ruined, weak, and wounded and broken to pieces, in fact, perfectly helpless, that **Jesus Christ comes right down where he is** (where you are), and meets him there.

He takes his flesh and He becomes a brother to him. Jesus Christ is a brother to us *in the flesh*: He was born into the family. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son" John 3:16. He had only one Son, and He gave Him away. And to whom did He give Him? "Unto *us* a Child is born . . .

UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN."

Isa. 9:6. Sin has made a change even in heaven; for Jesus Christ, because of sin, has taken upon Himself humanity, and to-day He wears that humanity, and will through all eternity. Jesus Christ became the Son of man as well as the Son of God.

*"And one shall say unto Him, What are these wounds in Thine hands? Then He shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends . . ."*  
Zechariah 13:6 & Isaiah 49:14-16

He was born into our family. He did not come as an angelic being, but was born into the family, and grew up in it; He was a child, a youth, a young man, a man in the full prime of life, in our family. He is the Son of man, related to us, bearing the flesh that we bear.

Adam was the representative of the family; therefore his sin was a representative sin. When Jesus Christ came, He came to take the place in which Adam had failed.

"And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; **the Last Adam** was made a quickening (Life-giving) Spirit." *"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the LORD is, there is liberty*

(freeborn, exempt from liability) !” I Cor. 15:45 & II Corinthians 3:17

The second Adam is the Man Christ Jesus, and He came down to unite the human family with the Divine family. God is spoken of as The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, came Himself to this part of the family, that He might win it back again, that there might be a . . .

## REUNITED FAMILY IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD !

He came and took the flesh of sin that this family had brought upon itself by sin (faithless transgression), and wrought out Salvation for them, condemning sin in the flesh. “*For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved ! . . . For he that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the Only Begotten Son of God !*” John 3:17-18

“And thou shalt call His name JESUS, for He shall save His people from their sins !”

Matthew 1:21

Note: The name of Jesus, as prophesied throughout the entire old testament Scriptures is *Yehushua*, or *Yesh-oo-aw*, which in Hebrew literally means - Jehovah saves; *Yehuwah's* Salvation !

Adam failed in his place, **and by the offence of one** many were made sinners (Romans 5:12-19). Jesus Christ gave Himself, not only for us, but *to us*, uniting Himself to the family (and personally to you), in order that He might take the place of the first Adam, and as Head of the family win back what was lost by the first Adam. The righteousness of Jesus Christ is a representative righteousness, just as the sin of Adam was a representative sin, and Jesus Christ, as the second Adam, gathered to Himself the whole family.

But since the first Adam took his place (as prince, and holding dominion of this world), there has been a change, and humanity is sinful humanity. **The power of righteousness** has been lost. To redeem man from the place unto which he had fallen, Jesus Christ comes, and takes the very flesh now borne by humanity; He comes in sinful flesh, and takes the case where Adam tried it and failed. He became, not a man, but He became flesh; He became human, and gathered all humanity unto Himself, embraced it in His Own infinite mind, and stood as the representative of the whole human family.

Adam was tempted at the very first on the question of appetite. Christ came, and after a forty days' fast the devil tempted Him to use His divine power to feed Himself. And notice, it was in sinful flesh that He was tempt-ed, not the flesh in which Adam fell. **This is wondrous Truth**, but I am wondrously glad that it is so. It follows at once **that by birth, by being born** into the same family, Jesus Christ is my Brother in the flesh, “for which cause He is not ashamed to call them (you) brethren.” Heb. 2:11.

He has come into the family, identified Himself with the family, *He* is both Father of the family and Brother of the family (Isaiah 9:6). As Father of the family, He stands for the family. He came to redeem the family, condem-ning sin in the flesh, uniting Divinity with flesh of sin. Jesus Christ made the connection between God and man, that the Divine Spirit might rest upon humanity. He made the way for humanity.

ref: John 14:6

HE HATH BORNE OUR GRIEFS.

And He came right near to us. He is not one step away from one of us. He “was made in the likeness of men.” Phil. 2:7. He is *even* now made in the likeness of man (The Man Christ Jesus) - , and at the same time He holds His divinity; He is the divine Son of God. And so, by His divinity joining itself to humanity, He will

restore man to the likeness of God.

*“For there is One God, and One Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus !” I Timothy 2:5*

Jesus Christ, in taking the place of Adam, took our flesh. He took our place completely, in order that we might take His place. He took our place with all its consequences, and that meant death, in order that we might take His place with all its consequences, and that is Life Eternal. “For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” 2 Cor. 5:21.

*“And this is the name whereby He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS !”*

Jeremiah 23:5-6

He was not a sinner; but He invited God to treat Him as if He were a sinner, in order that we, who were sinners, might be treated as if we were righteous. “Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.” Isa. 53:4. The sorrows that He bore were our sorrows, and it is actually true that He did so identify Himself with our human nature as to bear in Himself all the sorrows and all the griefs of all the human family.

“He was wounded for our transgressions (rebellion and apostasies), He was bruised for our iniquities (perver-sity, mischief); the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.” (ref: Matthew 8:14-17 & I Peter 1:24). What was bruising to Him **was healing to us**, and He was bruised in order that we might be healed. “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD (Jehovah, *Yehuwah*) hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” Isaiah 53:6.

And then He died because on Him was laid the iniquity of us all. There was no sin in Him, but the sins of the whole world were laid *on* Him. **Behold the Lamb of God**, which beareth the sins of the whole world. “And He is the propitiation (atonement) for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” 1 John 2:2.

#### THE PRICE PAID FOR EVERY SOUL.

I want your minds to grasp **the Truth** (the unfailing Verity of God’s Word), that, no matter whether a man repents or not, yet Christ has borne\* (to lift, to take away) his griefs (malady, anxiety, calamity, sickness, disease), his sins, his sorrows, and he is invited to lay them on Christ.

*“Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest . . . Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I Am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find Rest unto your souls !”*

Matthew 11:28-29 & Hebrews 4:10

If every sinner in this world should repent with all his soul, and turn to Christ, the price has been paid. Jesus did not wait for us to repent before He died for us. “in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” *And* “herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be **the propitiation** for our sins.” Romans 5:8 & I John 4:10 Christ has died in behalf of every single soul here; He has borne their grief and carried their sorrow; He simply asks us to lay them on Him, and let Him bear them.

#### CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Furthermore; every one of us was represented in Jesus Christ when the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. We were all there in Jesus Christ. We were all represented in Adam after the flesh; and when Christ came as the second Adam, He stepped into the place of the first Adam, and thus we are all represented in Him.

He invites us to step into the spiritual family. He has formed this new family, **of which He is the head**. He is the New Man. In Him we have the union of the Divine and the human.

*“Therefore, if any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creation: old things are passed away;  
Behold, all things are become new !”*

II Corinthians 5:17-19

In that new family, every one of us is represented. “And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, paid tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father (Abraham), when Melchisedec met him.” Hebrews 7:9-10. When Melchisedec went out to meet Abraham returning from the spoil, Abraham paid to him a tenth of all. Levi was still in the loins of his father Abraham; but inasmuch as he was a descendant of Abraham, what Abraham did, the Scripture says that Levi did in Abraham.

Levi descended from Abraham according to the flesh. He had not *yet* been born when Abraham paid tithe; but in that Abraham paid tithe, he paid tithe also. It is exactly so in this spiritual family. **What Christ did** as head of this new family, we did in Him. He was our representative; He became flesh; He became *us*. He did not become simply a man, but He became flesh, and every one that should be born into His family was represented in Jesus Christ when He lived here in the flesh.

You see, then, that all that Christ did, every one who connects himself with this family is given credit for as doing it in Christ. Christ was not a representative outside him (you), disconnected from him (you); **but as Levi paid tithe in Abraham**, every one who should afterwards be born into this spiritual family, did what Christ did !

#### THE NEW BIRTH.

See what this means with reference to vicarious suffering?

**Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary** (*vicarious*) = as a vicar, one who stands in the place of another, a substitute, a delegate, acting on behalf or representing another; performed or suffered by one person with the results accruing to the benefit or advantage of another; substitution - as a vicarious sacrifice; enjoyed by one person through his sympathetic participation in the experience of another.

It was not that Jesus Christ came from outside, and simply stepped into our place as an outsider; but by joining Himself to us by birth, all humanity was brought together in the divine Head, Jesus Christ. “*That in the dispensation\* of the fulness of times, \* He might gather together in One all things in Christ!*”

Ephesians 1:10

He suffered on the cross. Then it was the whole family in Jesus Christ that was crucified. “For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if One died for all, then were all dead,” or as the Revised Version says, “*then all died.*” 2 Cor. 5:14. What we want in our experience is to enter into the fact that we did die in Him. But while it is true that Jesus Christ paid the whole price, bore every grief, was humanity itself, yet it is also true that no man receives benefit from that except *as he by faith* receives Christ, except he is born again. Only those who are twice born can enter into the kingdom of God. “*Which are born (begotten), not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man . . . But of God !*” John 1:12-13

“Marvel not that I say unto thee, Ye must be born again !” John 3:7

“*Being born (begotten) again, not of corruptible seed, but of Incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever . . . . And this is the Word which by the Glad Tidings (gospel) is proclaimed unto you !*”

I Peter 1:23-25

Those who are born in the flesh, must be born again, born of the Spirit, in order that what Jesus Christ did in the flesh, we may avail ourselves of, that we may really be in Him. The work of Christ is to bestow the character of God on us; and in the meantime God looks upon Christ and His perfect character instead of upon our sinful character. **The very moment that we empty ourselves**, or let Christ empty us, of self, and believe on

Jesus Christ and receive Him as our personal Saviour, God looks upon Him as indeed our personal Representative. Then He does not see us and all our sin; He sees Christ !

*“And this is the name whereby He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS !”*

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#### OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE COURTS OF HEAVEN.

“For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” 1 Tim. 2:5. There is a man in heaven now,—the man Christ Jesus,—bearing our human nature; but it is **no longer a flesh of sin; it is glorified**.

Having come here and lived in a flesh of sin, He died; and in that He died, He died unto sin; and in that He lives, He lives unto God (ref: Romans 6:10). When He died, He freed Himself from the flesh of sin, and He was raised glorified. Jesus Christ came here as our Representative (our Substitute and Surety), travelled the path back to heaven in the family (in our flesh), died unto sin, and was raised glorified. He lived as the Son of man, grew up as the Son of man, ascended as the Son of man, and Today, Jesus Christ, *our own* representative, *our own* brother, the *man* Christ Jesus, is in heaven, living to make intercession for us.

He has been through every one of our experiences. Does not He know what the cross means? He went to heaven by the way of the cross (the death to self and the flesh), and He says, “Come.” *“If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me . . .”* Matthew 16:24-25

**That is what Christ has done** by becoming flesh. Our human minds stand appalled before the problem. How shall we express in human language what was done for us, when “the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us?” How shall we express what God has given to us? When He gave His Son, He gave the most precious gift of heaven, and He gave Him never to take Him back again. To all eternity the Son of man will bear in His body the marks that sin made; forever He will be Jesus Christ, our Saviour, our Elder Brother. That is what God has done for us in giving His Son to us.

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord (Sovereign King) Jesus Christ . . . which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a living (lively) hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead !”* I Peter 1:3-4

#### CHRIST IDENTIFIED WITH US.

This union of the Divine and the human has brought Jesus Christ very near to us. There is not one too low down for Christ to be there with him. He identified Himself completely with this human family. In the judgment, when the rewards and punishments are meted out, He says, “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these. My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.” Matthew 25:40.

One version reads, “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these *My little brothers*, ye have done it unto Me.” Christ looks upon every one of the human family as His. When humanity suffers, He suffers. He is humanity, He has joined Himself to this family. He is our head; and when in any part of the body there is a throb of pain felt, the head feels that throb of pain. He has united Himself with us, thus uniting us with God; for we read in Matthew: “Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, *God with us* !”

#### UNITY IN CHRIST.

Jesus Christ thus united Himself with the human family, that He might be *with* us by being *in* us, just as God was with Him by being in Him. *“Believest thou not that I Am in the Father, and the Father in Me? the Words that I speak unto you . . . which are Spirit and Life . . . I speak not of Myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me,*

*He doeth the works !” John 14:10-12 and John 4:24 & 6:63*

The very purpose of His work was that He might be in us, and that, as He represented the Father, so the children, the Father, and the Elder Brother might be united in Him. Let us see what His thought was in His last prayer: “That they all may be one (*ekh-awd - united, alike*); as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be One in us.” John 17:21

*“And Jesus answered him, The first (greatest, of first and most importance) of all the Commandments is . . . Hear, O Israel; The LORD our God is One LORD !”* Mark 12:29 & Deuteronomy 6:4

“And the glory which Thou gavest Me, I have given them; that they may be One, even as We are One; **I in them, and Thou in Me**, that they may be made perfect in One; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them as Thou hast loved Me. Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I Am; that they may behold My glory . . .

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **Who hath blessed us** with all spiritual blessings in heavenly (the heavens - Isaiah 66:1) places in Christ . . . According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy, and without blame before Him in love !”*  
Ephesians 1:3-4 & Jude 1:24

*“For God, Who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us . . . even when we were dead in sins, hath He quickened us together with Christ, (by grace\* G5485 ye are saved), and hath raised us up together with Him, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus . . . !”* Ephesians 2:4-7

That they may behold My glory which Thou hast given Me; for Thou lovedest Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known Thee; but I have known Thee, and these have known that Thou hast sent Me. And I have declared Thy name (character) unto them, and will declare it.” And the last Words of His prayer were: “That the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and *I in them*.”  
John 17:21-26.

And as He was ascending, His parting Words to His disciples were, “Lo, I Am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” Matt. 28:20. By being in us, He is with us alway, and that this might be possible, that He might be in us, He came and took our flesh. This also is the way in which the holiness of Jesus works. He had a holiness that enabled Him to come and dwell in sinful flesh, and glorify sinful flesh **by His Presence in it**; and that is what He did, so that when He was raised from the dead, He was glorified !

*“For God, Who commanded (spoke) the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts . . . to give the Light (revealing) of the knowing (knowledge) of the glory of God, in the Face of Jesus Christ !”* II Corinthians 4:6

His purpose was that having purified sinful flesh by His indwelling Presence, He might now come and purify sinful flesh in us, and glorify sinful flesh in us. He “shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according **to the working whereby He is able . . . to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or imagine!** . . . even to subdue all things unto Himself.” Phil. 3:21 & Ephesians 3:20. “For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate, to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brethren.” Rom. 8:29.

## THE ELECTION OF GRACE.

Let me say that in this idea is bound up the whole question of predestination. There is a predestination; **it is a**

**predestination of character.** There is an election; it is an election of character. Every one who believes on Jesus Christ is elected, and all the power of God is behind that election, that he shall bear the image of God.

*“For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men (Solomon) after the flesh, not many mighty (Samson), not many noble (Joseph of Arimathea), are called . . . **But God hath chosen** the foolish things of the world (like as fishermen, tax collectors ect.) to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of this world to confound the things which are mighty. And the base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen; **Yea, and things which are not**, to bring to nought things which are . . . That no flesh should glory in His Presence . . . !”* I Corinthians 1:27-29

Bearing that image, he is (you are) predestinated to all eternity in Christ's Kingdom; but every one who does not bear the image of God is predestinated unto death. It is a predestination of God in Christ Jesus. Christ provides the character, and offers it to any one who will believe in Him (surrender and walk and live by faith).

## THE HEART AND LIFE OF CHRISTIANITY.

Let us enter into the experience that God has given Jesus Christ to us to dwell in our sinful flesh, to work out in our sinful flesh what He worked out when He was here. He came and lived here **that we might through Him** reflect the image of God. This is the very heart of Christianity. Anything contrary to it is not Christianity.

*“For it is Christ in you, the hope of glory . . . !”* Colossians 1:27

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try (test) the spirits, whether they are of God; **because many false prophets** (those that profess to speak under inspiration) are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God; and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God.” 1 John 4:1-3.

Now that cannot mean simply to acknowledge that Jesus Christ was here and lived in the flesh. The devils made that acknowledgment. They knew that Christ had come in the flesh. The faith that comes by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus Christ is come in *my* flesh; He dwells in *my* flesh; I have received Him.” That is the heart and life of Christianity.

*“For of (by) Him are ye in Christ Jesus, Who of God is made unto us Wisdom, and Righteousness, and Sanctification, and Redemption, That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the LORD !”* I Corinthians 1:30-31

The difficulty with the Christianity of today is that Christ does not dwell in the hearts of those professing His name. He is an outsider, one looked at from afar, as an example. But He is more than an example to us. He made known to us what God's ideal of humanity is, and then He came and lived it out before us, **that we might see** what it is to be in the Image of God. Then He died, and ascended to His Father, sending forth His Spirit, His own representative, to live in us, that the Life which He lived in the flesh we may live over again. *This* is Christianity.

*“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus . . . !”* Philippians 2:5-9

## CHRIST MUST DWELL IN THE HEART.

It is not enough to talk of Christ and of the beauty of His character. Christianity without Christ dwelling in the heart is not genuine Christianity.

He only is a genuine Christian who has Christ dwelling in his heart, and we can live the Life of Christ only by having Him dwelling in us.

*“For ye are **the temple of the Living God**; just as God hath said (spoken aloud) . . . I will dwell in them,*



*and walk in them; and I will be their God (Elohim - Mighty One), and they shall be My people !”*

II Corinthians 6:16-18

He wants us to lay hold upon the Life and power of Christianity. Do not be satisfied with anything else. Heed no one who would lead you in any other path. “Christ in you, the hope of glory,” His power, His indwelling Presence, that is Christianity. That is what we need to-day; and I am thankful that there are hearts that are longing for that experience, and who will recognise it when it comes. It does not make any difference what your name or denomination has been. Recognise Jesus Christ, and let Him dwell in you. By following where He leads, we shall know what Christian experience is, and what it is to dwell **in the light** of His Presence.

I tell you this is a wondrous Truth. Human language cannot put more into human thought or language than is said in these words: “The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.” This is our Salvation (deliverance, rescue, freedom, healing and restoration) !

*“And this is the record (witness, testimony), that God hath given to us Eternal Life,  
and this Life is in His Son !”*

I John 5:11-12

The object in these remarks is not merely to establish a line of thought. It is to bring new Life into our soul, and open up our ideas of the Word of God and the gift of God, that we may be able to grasp His love for us. We need it. Nothing short of that will meet what we have to meet,—the world, the flesh, and the devil. But He that is for us is mightier than he that is against us. Let us have in our daily lives Jesus Christ, “the Word” that “became flesh and dwelt among us !”

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